



Dawit L. Petros  
Curriculum Vitae

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Né / Born	Asmara, Eritrea
Vit et travaille / Lives and works	Chicago, US & Montréal, CA
Formation / Education	Whitney Independent Study Program, New York, US MFA, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, US Maîtrise / BFA Photography, Concordia University, Montreal, CA Baccalauréat / BA History, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, CA
Expositions individuelles / Solo exhibitions	2021 TBD, Bradley Ertaskiran, Montreal, CA Prospetto a Mare, Art Gallery of Guelph, Guelph, CA  2020 Soundscapes of Modernity, Vanderbilt University Gallery, Nashville, US Spazio Disponibile, University of Buffalo Art Galleries, Buffalo, US Spazio Disponibile, The Power Plant, Toronto, CA  2016 The Stranger's Notebook, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City, US The Stranger's Notebook, Tiwani Contemporary, London, GB  2013 Sense of Place, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, US  2012 Mahber Shaw'ate (Association of Seven), Print Studio, Hamilton, CA  2011 Mahber Shaw'ate (Association of Seven), Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, Santa Barbara, US Mahber Shaw'ate (Association of Seven), Alexander Gray Associates, New York, US Mimesis, Marilia Razuk Galeria De Arte, Sao Paulo, BR Dawit L. Petros, Franklin Art Works, Minneapolis, US  2010 Addis/Chromes, Atelier Art Gallery, Addis Ababa, ET  2006 Remix, Prefix Gallery, Toronto, CA
Exposition de groupe / Group exhibition	2020 Seeing Chicago, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, US Pictures from another wall, De Pont Museum, Tilburg, NL Listening to the Echoes of the South Atlantic, Oslo Kunstforening, Oslo, NO African Cosmologies: Photography, Time, and the Other, FotoFest Biennial 2020, Houston, US Africa State of Mind, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, US Kith & Kin, Roberts Gallery, Lesley Art + Design, Cambridge, US  2019 Intermittent Rivers, 13th Havana Biennial in Matanzas, CU Public Volumes, Small Arms Inspection Building, Mississauga, CA How the light gets in, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, US  2018 Nine Moments for Now, Ethelbert Cooper Gallery, Harvard, Cambridge, US Recent Histories, Huis Marseille Museum Voor Fotografie, Amsterdam, NL HERE: Locating Contemporary Canadian Artists, Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, CA Afrotopia: The African Photography Biennial, Africa Museum, Berg en Dal, NL Addis Foto Fest, Addis Ababa, ET Here We Are, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, CA

- 2017 Nowhere Is A Place, Rencontres de Bamako, Bamako Biennale, (Black Athena Collective), Bamako, ML  
Deconstructed Spaces, Surveyed Memories, Bamako Biennale, Bamako, ML  
Prospect.4 The Lotus In Spite of the Swamp, New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, US  
Lack of Location, Is My Location, Koenig & Clinton Gallery, Brooklyn, NY,US  
In Search Of, Transmitter, New York, US  
Recent Histories, The Walther Collection, Neu-Ulm, Ulm, DE  
In each hand I keep each of my eyes, Hampshire College Art Gallery, Amherst, US  
Capture Image Festival, Contemporary Art Gallery in Vancouver, Vancouver, CA
- 2016 Recent Histories, The Walther Collection Project Space, New York, US  
Africans in America, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, SA  
Position As Desired, Art Gallery of Windsor, Windsor, CA  
Encounters Beyond Borders, Kennedy Museum of Art at Ohio University, Athens, US  
Race, Love, and Labor, Center for Photography, Woodstock, US
- 2015 The View From Here, Tiwani Contemporary, London. GB  
In Another Place, And Here, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Victoria, CA
- 2014 Hopes and Impediments, Prince Claus Fund Gallery, Amsterdam, NL  
Under Another Name, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, US  
Race, Love, and Labor, Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, New Paltz, US  
Earth Matters: The Land as Material and Metaphor in the Arts of Africa, Fowler Museum at UCLA, Los Angeles, US
- 2013 Earth Matters: The Land As Material and Metaphor in the Arts of Africa, National Museum of African Art, Washington, US  
American Beauty, Susan Inglett Gallery, New York, US  
Whitney ISP Exhibition, Temp Gallery, New York, US
- 2012 The Bearden Project, Studio Museum In Harlem, US  
Artists-In-Residence Exhibition, McColl Center for Visual Art, Charlotte, US  
Sawdust and Solitude, Artist-In-Residence Exhibition, Salina Art Center, Salina, US  
Position As Desired, Royal Ontario Museum, Pier 21, The Canadian Museum of Immigration, Halifax, CA
- 2011 Mimesis, Lianzhou International Photo Festival, Lianzhou, CN  
Always Moving Forward, Platform Gallery, Winnipeg, US  
Don't Panic, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, SA  
Becoming, Nasher Museum of Art, Durham, US  
The Idea of North, Biscuiterie, Dakar, SN  
The Production of Space, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, US  
Position As Desired, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, CA
- 2010 The Laundromat Project, Collette Blanchard Gallery, New York, US  
Made in Woodstock V, The Center for Photography at Woodstock, US  
Always Moving Forward, Gallery 44, Toronto, CA
- 2009 Encodings, Artist-In-Residence, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, US  
Liminal Space, The Lay Up, Brooklyn, US  
Young Curators: New Ideas 2, PPOW Gallery, New York, US  
The New Language Makers, Videotage, Hong Kong, CN  
Site Seeing: Explorations of Landscape, The Center for Photography, Woodstock, US
- 2008 Flow, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, US  
Becoming, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, US  
Subpoena, Talman + Monroe, Brooklyn, US  
Floating Architectures and Constant Centers: Some Projections, Martin, 2008 Art Gallery, Baker Center for the Arts, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, US
- 2007 The Idea of North, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Tufts University Gallery, Medford, US  
Wedge Retrospective Exhibition, Wedge Gallery, Toronto, CA

- 2006 CAA Regional MFA Exhibition, Mass College of Art, Boston, US  
Alone, Gallery 44, Toronto, CA
- 2005 Wish, Bagg Gallery, Boston, US  
Visions of Active Citizenship, Tufts University, Medford, US
- 2004 Strike Black, Observatoire 4, Montreal, CA  
The Lexington Project, Site Specific Installation, Lexington, US  
Omiala, Harbour Front Gallery, Toronto, CA
- 2003 Transliteration, Gallery 101, Ottawa, CA  
1st Art! Exhibition, 1st Canadian Place Gallery, Toronto, CA  
Translucide, Maison de la Culture, Montréal, CA  
Translucid, Galerie Art Muir, Montréal, CA  
Green, Leonard and Bina Ellen Gallery, Montréal, CA  
Separate Grounds, Gallery VAV, Montréal, CA
- 2002 Too Big To Stay Small, Leonard & Bina Ellen Gallery, Montréal, CA  
A Relative Proximity, Lotus Eaters Gallery, Montréal, CA

Collections

Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montréal, CA  
BMO Financial Group, 1st Art Collection, Toronto, CA  
TD Bank, Toronto, CA  
The Center For Photography at Woodstock, Woodstock, US  
Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, US  
Gallery 44, Silver Editions, Toronto, CA  
Huis Marseille, Museum for Photography, Amsterdam, Netherlands Infor Global  
Solutions, Alpharetta, US  
Saskatchewan Arts Council, Regina, CA  
Stanley Mills Collection, Concordia University, Montreal, CA  
The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, US  
The Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, CA  
The University of Toronto Art Museum, Toronto, CA  
The Walther Collection, Neu-Ulm, DE  
Wedge Curatorial Project, Toronto, CA

Prix, bourses et  
distinctions / Selected  
awards, grants and  
distinctions

- 2017 Visiting Artist, Lesley University, Cambridge, US
- 2015-2016 Visiting Artist, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, US
- 2015 Artist-In-Residence, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, US
- 2014 Invisible Borders TransAfrican Photography Collective, Artist-In-Residence,  
Lagos, NG
- 2012 Whitney Museum, Independent Study Program Fellowship, US  
Salina Art Center, Artist-in-Residence, Salina, US  
The Print Studio, Artist-in-Residence, Hamilton, CA  
McCull Center for Visual Art, Knight Foundation, Artist-In-Residence, Charlotte, US
- 2010 Addis Ababa Foto Festival, Artist-In-Residence, ET
- 2008 The Studio Museum in Harlem, Artist-In-Residence, New York, US
- 2007 Art Matters Foundation, New York, US  
Center for Photography at Woodstock, Artist-In-Residence, Woodstock, US  
Montague International Travel Grant
- 2005-2007 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, US

- 2004-2006 Fulbright Fellowship, Canada–United States,
- 2004 Imperial Tobacco Canada Grant, Montreal, CA  
J. Armand Bombardier Internationalist Fellowship, Montreal, CA
- Revue de presse /  
Selected press & media
- 2020 Iduma, Emmanuel. "Italy's Colonial History in Africa Reframed", *The New York Review*, Oct. 3  
Dick, Terence. "Naufus Ramirez-Figueroa & Dawit L. Petros at The Power Plant, Toronto", *Akimblog Review*,  
Taylor, Kate. "At Harbourfront's Power Plant gallery in Toronto, artists untangle clashing cultures and the colonial legacy", *The Globe and Mail*, Feb. 10
- 2018 Fortin, Sylvie. "Prospect.4: The Lotus in Spite of the Swamp, New Orleans." *C Magazine*, 137, Spring  
Rattan, Chris. "The ROM's Here We Are Here pushes back against narrow views of Blacknes," *Nowtoronto.com*, Feb. 1  
Armstrong, Neil. "We Are Here," *The Weekly Gleaner*, Jan. 11-17  
Diaz, Eva. "Prospect.4: In New Orleans, a global triennial fails to learn from its past mistakes," *4columns.org*, Jan. 5
- 2017 Westwood, Rebecca. "The Lotus in Spite of the Swamp," *Canadian Art*, Nov. 23  
Johnson, Paddy. "Pleasant Surprises in the Swamp at Prospect, the New Orleans Triennial," *Hyperallergic*, Nov. 22  
Wolin, Joseph R. "What Does Art Look Like in America's Most "Prophetic" City?" *Garagevice.com*, Nov. 21  
Indrisek, Scott, "Prospect.4 Brings Big Names to New Orleans—but Doesn't Take Enough Risks," *Artsy*, Nov. 20  
"Dawit L. Petros: Untitled (Prologue II)," *Harpers Magazine Blog*, Oct. 28  
Jayawardane, M. Neelika and Iduma, Emmanuel, "Can African Critics Rewrite the Story of African Photography?", *Aperture 227*, Summer  
Enwezor, Okwui, "Okwui Enwezor on The Recent Histories of African Photography," *Aperture.org*, May 4  
Iduma, Emmanuel, "Fiction/Non Fiction: 'Recent Histories' Presents Documentary-Based Photography from Africa," *Artnews*, May 9  
Albu, Cristina, "Dawit Petros at Artspace," *TemporaryArtReview.com*, Jan. 9  
Histories: Contemporary African Photography and Video Art from the Walther Collection, 2017  
Iduma, Emmanuel, "Here Comes The Stranger," Exhibition Brochure Text, *The Stranger's Notebook*, H & R Block Artspace, January  
Byrd, Antawan I., "Listening Along the Wayfarings of Em'kal Eyongakpa and Dawit L. Petros," Exhibition Catalogue, *Recent Histories: Contemporary African Photography and Video Art from the Walther Collection*  
Dee, Christa, "Dawit L. Petros: Place-making and cultural negotiation," *Bubblegumclub.co.za*  
Mengiste, Maaza, "Interview With Dawit L. Petros," Exhibition Catalogue, *Recent Histories: Contemporary African Photography and Video Art from the Walther Collection*
- 2016 Sargent, Antwaun, *A South African Exhibition Explores African American Identity*, The Creators Project, Dec. 2  
Mitter, Siddhartha "Africa Illuminated: Shining A Spotlight On Contemporary African Photography," *Village Voice*, Nov. 9  
"Untitled (Prologue II)." *Harpers Blog*, 19 Sept.  
"Recent Histories: New Photography From Africa." *Contemporary And*, Sept.  
Young, Allison, "Dawit L. Petros" *Artforum*, Critics Pick, 25 June  
Dillon, Stephen. "Dawit L. Petros: The Stranger's Notebook." *Garage Magazine*, June  
"Dawit L. Petros: The Stranger's Notebook (Prologue)," *Contemporary &*, June  
Mercier, Jean, "The Stranger's Notebook (Prologue)," *LensCulture*, June  
Azimi, Roxana, "La photographie sous toutes ses formes." *Le Quotidien de L'Art*, 20 Mai  
Perree, Rob, "Dawit L. Petros: The Stranger's Notebook," *africanah.org*, April 22  
Seymour, Tom, "The Stranger's Notebook – Dawit L. Petros' Journey Across Africa," *British Journal of Photography*, April 13

- Schroeder, Hannah. New exhibit in the Kennedy Museum features art from The Horn of Africa, *The Post*, Thursday, Jan. 21  
 Ruth Butler, Shelley, "Museum without Walls: After Into the Heart of Africa," *Curatorial Dreams: Critics Imagine Exhibitions*, McGill-Queens University Press, Montreal
- 2015 "Dawit L. Petros Captures the World with a Camera and a Cardboard Box." *Artsy.net*, June 24  
 "Seeing Is Not Believing." *New York Times International*, June 8  
 Radin, Joshi. "The Choice of Mobility." *Printers Devil Review*, Spring
- 2014 Sanchez, Barbara. "Las fronteras (in)visibles." *El Pais*, Aug. 20  
 Sotorrio, Regina. "Las fronteras se rompen con arte." *Diario Sur*, Aug. 19  
 Cotter, Holland, "American Beauty." *The New York Times*, Jan. 23
- 2013 McQuaid, Cate. "Displacement in a Theoretical World." *Boston Globe*, Nov. 12  
 Khvan, Olga. "Sense of Place Exhibit at the MFA Marks Homecoming for Dawit L. Petros." *Boston Magazine*. Nov. 11  
 Hagman, Sarah. "Dawit L. Petros: Sense of Place." *Improper Bostonian*, Sept.  
 Affleck, Jane. "Position As Desired Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, Halifax." *C Magazine* 118, Summer  
 Milbourne, Karen E. "Earth Matters: Land As Material and Metaphor in the Arts of Africa." *Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, Exhibition Catalogue*, 2013
- 2012 Harney, Elizabeth. "Shades and Passages: Petros' colorscapes." *Franklin Art Works, Exhibition Publication*  
 Haynes, Lauren. "The Bearden Project." *The Bearden Project: The Studio Museum in Harlem, Exhibition Catalogue*
- 2011 Goodhand, Margo. "Out of Africa, Into Your Homes", *Winnipeg Free Press*, Dec.11  
 Livingston, Wendy. "Art from the Cutting Wedge.: Today Duke, Aug. 11  
 Frater, Sally. "Position As Desired" *Exhibition Review, Canadian Art*, Spring  
 Marquet, Thomas. "Dawit L. Petros: Mahber Shaw'ate: Association of 7." *Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, Exhibition Publication*  
 Muluneh, Aida. *Addis Ababa Foto Fest, Exhibition Catalogue*
- 2010 Vaughn, R.M. "ROM's Position as Desired: At last, a black Canada by black Canadians." *The Globe and Mail*, Friday, Oct. 15  
 Crooks, Julie. "Position As Desired." (*Exhibition Catalogue*)
- 2009 Ghirmay, Huriy. "The Eritrean Diaspora." *Elem Magazine*, Issue 14, Oct.-Dec.  
 Cotter, Holland. "Encodings: Khalif Kelly, Adam Pendleton, Dawit L. Petros." *The New York Times*, Oct. 22  
 Enwezor, Okwui and Okeke-Agulu, Chika. *Contemporary African Art Since 1980*, Oct.  
 Okeke-Agulu, Chika. "New Order." *Arise*, No. 6, Oct.  
 McGirk, James. "Harlem's Rising Stars." *The Intelligent Life*, Sept.  
 Cappetta, Andrew. "Amani Olu Has New Ideas." *Art in America*. Aug.  
 Duerr, Teri. "Young Curators on the Art of New Ideas," *New York Art Beat*. Aug.  
 Schultz, Charles. "Separate But Equal." *Art Slant*, Summer  
 Rubine, Nadine, "Bright Young Things." *Art South Africa* V. 7.3, Feb.  
 Smart, Paul. "Where We Live." *Woodstock Times*, Jan. 1  
 Shanberg, Ariel. "Site Seeing: Explorations of Landscape." *Exhibition Text*, Jan.  
 Beckwith, Naomi. "Encodings." *Encodings: The Studio Museum in Harlem, Artists in Residence, Exhibition Catalogue*  
 Lew, Christopher Y. "A Kind of Blue." *Encodings: The Studio Museum in Harlem, Artists in Residence, Exhibition Catalogue*
- 2008 O'Toole, Sean. "Flow." *Frieze*, Issue 116, June-Aug.  
 Sablinska, Agnieszka. "Keeping Up With the Flow of the Art World, Just a Few Short Block Away.", *Columbia Spectator*, April 30  
 Cotter, Holland. "Out of Africa, Whatever Africa May Be." *The New York Times*, April 4  
 Sablinska, Agnieszka. "Keeping Up With the Flow of the Art World, Just a Few Short Block Away.", *Columbia Spectator*, April 30

- White, Simone. "Dawit L. Petros." *Flow: Exhibition Catalogue*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, 2008
- Ryan, Bartholomew, "Floating Architectures." *Exhibition Text*, 2008
- 2007 Smith, Roberta. "Introductions." *The New York Times*, Aug. 31  
 Wilson, Michael. "Flow Motion." *ARTFORUM*, 2008. Wolin, Joseph R. "Dawit L. Petros and Bryan Jackson." *Time Out*, July 11-18  
 Branker, Saada. "The Wedge's Flava." *WordMag*  
 "Flava: Wedge Curatorial Projects, 1997-2007." *Wedge Curatorial Projects Catalogue*,
- 2006 "Contact", *Now Magazine*, May  
 "Contact Goes Global", *Doze*, May  
 Edmonds, Pamela. "I'll Make Me A World." *Prefix Photo*  
 Cousineau-Levine. Penny, "Alone: Fitting In." (*Exhibition Catalogue*)  
 Jordan, Betty Ann. "Group Therapy." *Toronto Life*, May
- 2005 "Spotlight," *ArtMatters*, Fall  
 "2005 PRC." *In The Loupe*, Jan.
- 2004 Lacayo, Jessie. "Transliteration." *Exhibition Catalogue*  
 Lehman, Henry. "Strike Black." *The Montreal Gazette*  
 Gessell, Paul. "Paraphrasing famous European works of art." *The Ottawa Citizen*  
 Handelman, Jon. "Re-drawing the Colour Lines." *The McGill Daily*  
 Wong, Pamela. "Reinterpreting History in Black and White." *The Ottawa Sun*
- 2003 "1st Art." *Canadian Art Fall*  
 "World Remade in Their Image", *The Montreal Gazette*  
 Tousignant, Isa. "From the Mouths of Babes." *Hour Magazine*, April